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SUMMARY: This IMI (International Marketing Insight) reports on **draft and final technical regulations and standards – NOMs and NMXs - issued by the Mexican Government, during the period July 16 to 31, 2005.** Five different lists are included to assist U.S. exporters, companies, and other parties, interested in:

1. Draft technical regulations (NOMs) that are still in the comment period.
2. Technical regulations (NOMs) that have been published in final form as well as responses to comments on draft technical regulations.
3. Draft standards (NMXs), which comment period is still open.
4. Enacted standards (NMXs).
5. Cancelled technical regulations and standards.

BACKGROUND: All goods and products imported into Mexico must comply with any applicable technical regulations and labeling requirements. Applicable technical regulations and labeling requirements are listed by harmonized tariff system (HS or HTS) code. The Mexican Government publishes technical regulations and standards, through the *Diario Oficial de la Federacion* (Official Gazette) - the Mexican equivalent of the US Federal Register. Technical regulations are published in the form of a Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) (Literally *Official Mexican Standard*), or a Proyecto de Norma Oficial Mexicana (*Draft Technical Regulation*). The minimum comment period for draft technical regulation is 60 days. During the comment period the public, businesses, or any interested party can submit comments to the address specified in the text of the draft technical regulation. Comments must be submitted in Spanish and be received no later than the closing date listed in the text of the Proyecto.

The full text of draft and enacted NOMs and some NMXs is available at the library of the Direccion General de Normas (DGN) (Mexican Bureau of Standards), which is part of the Secretaria de Economia (Secretariat of Economy), or at DGN's web page. The DGN web page can be reached at www.economia-noms.gob.mx. Go to the 'Normatividad Empresarial' tab and then to the 'Normas' section. Within the Normas section go to the 'Catalogo de Normas' to search for draft and enacted technical regulations and standards. For some NMXs standards, the text of draft is available at www.economia-nmx.gob.mx or else, directly from the standards development body that issued the draft standard. The most common include ANCE, NYCE, and ONNCCE. These three private sector voluntary standards developers have web pages of their own with contact information.

The web page addresses follow the format of www.{acronym of the body}.org.mx, for example, [\[www.ance.org.mx\]](http://www.ance.org.mx). Responses to comments received must be published in the *Diario Oficial*. The publication of responses to comments is a clear indication that the publication of the standard in its final form is imminent. If the Government decides to finalize the standard, it will be published as a NOM in the *Diario Oficial*. Private sector standards follow the same procedure and are identified with the NMX prefix. Voluntary NMX standards become mandatory when quoted or listed in NOMs. The *Diario Oficial* is available both in hard copy and electronically.

LISTS INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT: Five different lists follow below to assist companies, and other interested parties, to be aware of the draft and final technical regulation issued by the Mexican Government during the period July 16 to 31, 2005:

1. The first is a list of the titles of **draft technical regulations (NOMs) that are still in the comment period.**

Notes:

- The title and short description are in Spanish, with an English translation.
- Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments on draft technical regulation directly to the entity or individual identified in the publication of the draft NOM.

2. The second list reports the titles of the **technical regulations (NOMs) that have been published in final form as well as responses to comments on draft technical regulation.**

Note:

- The title and short description are in Spanish with an English translation.

3. The third is a list of **draft standards (NMXs), which comment period is still open.**

Note:

- Because of time and human resources constraints, only the titles/NMX and codes are presented in Spanish and English, without description. More detailed information is accessible at www.economia-nmx.gob.mx

4. The fourth is a list of the **enacted standards (NMXs).**

Note:

- Because of time and human resources constraints, only the titles/NMX and codes are presented in Spanish and English, without description. More detailed information is accessible at www.economia-nmx.gob.mx

5. The fifth is a list of **cancelled technical regulations and standards.**

Notes:

- Remember that although (NMXs) are voluntary, they become mandatory when referred to in technical regulations (NOMs), which are always mandatory.
- In order to improve the timeliness of this report, the scope of the information has been changed to 15 days.

1. Draft Technical Regulations (NOM) Published - July 16 to 31, 2005

Proyectos de Norma **(Comment period still open)**

Unless otherwise noted, the comment period for these draft technical regulations is 60 calendar days from the date of publication. Unofficial translations of titles have been provided to aid the reader as appropriate.

Date	Description
	No Draft Technical Regulations were published during this period of time.

2. Technical Regulations (NOM) Issued and Response to Comments

July 16 to 31, 2005 **NOMs Emitidas y Respuestas a Comentarios**

Date	Description
21-JUL-2005	Criterio de interpretación a la Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-131-SCFI-2004, Determinación, asignación e instalación del número de identificación vehicular- Especificaciones, publicada el 13 de diciembre de 2004 Interpretation criteria for Technical Regulation NOM-131-SCFI-2004, Determination, assignment, and installation of the Vehicle Identification Number - Specifications, published on December 13, 2004

27-JUL-2005	Respuestas a los comentarios recibidos respecto del Proyecto de Modificación de los Procedimientos para la evaluación de la conformidad de las normas oficiales mexicanas en materia zoosanitaria competencia de la Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación Responses to comments received about the Draft Modification to the conformity assessment procedures for zoo-sanitary Technical Regulations, which are competence of the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishing, and Feeding
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3. Draft Voluntary (NMX) Standards Published - July 16 to 31, 2005

Aviso de consulta publica

(Comment period still open)

Please note - in the case of Voluntary (NMX) Standards, only the titles are presented in Spanish and English without description, due to time and human resources constraints.

Date	Description
	No notices of public consultation were published during this period of time.

4. Enacted Voluntary (NMX) Standards - July 16 to 31, 2005

Declaratoria de vigencia de NMXs

Please note - in the case of Voluntary (NMX) Standards, only the titles are presented in Spanish and English without description, due to time and human resources constraints.

Date	Description
	No declarations of effectiveness were published during this period of time.

5. Cancelled Technical Regulations and Standards - July 16 to 31, 2005

Normas Canceladas

Date	Description
	No declarations of cancellation were published during this period of time.

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